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BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER HONORED

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Brian Gallagher, a Bangor Township School Board Member, earned the Certified Board Member Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards in 2021 for his efforts to improve his leadership skills, demonstrating his commitment to student achievement and his own continuous improvement. Awards are earned for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service, and leadership activities. Whole boards that achieve and maintain certification status are also recognized.

The training and professional development helps board members to keep pace with the fast-moving and complex changes in public education. Last year, more than 1,300 school board members statewide participated in MASB's professional development program for elected school leaders. The hours devoted to this training are above and beyond the time members spend at their local meetings, events, and reviewing policies and board packets.

"Our school board goes the extra mile everyday, and this award is well-deserved by Mr. Gallagher," said Matthew Schmidt, Superintendent of Bangor Township Schools. "We have high expectations for our students, and our school board sets high standards for themselves as well. We are honored to have members like Mr. Gallagher who strive to grow, learn, and achieve for the betterment of our township."

MASB Executive Director Don Wotruba, CAE stated, "I've worked with school boards for more than 20 years and am always in awe of the commitment of so many members. Schools are under exceptional pressure to be innovative and reinvent the way they deliver education. Training equips them with the tools necessary to make the best decisions for Michigan's schoolchildren. The time they spend being servant leaders and honing their skills is second to none."

A full overview of the individual and whole board training levels can be viewed at [MASB.org/miboardawards](https://www.masb.org/miboardawards).